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## INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Submitted herewith is the International Search Report (English language copy enclosed, 2 pages PCT/ISA/210) by the EPO European Patent Office as the international searching authority from the present international application listing 4 cited references. The 4 references cited in the International Search Report are believed to have been transmitted to the PTO by the International Bureau (PCT/IB/308). In the event this is not the situation please inform attorney and copies of these references will be filed.

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with respect to the listed claims. The International Search
Report provides the relevant portions in English, so no further
concise explanation of relevance should be required.

Three of the references, namely German DE 39 19 640 A1, DE 38 12 753 A1 and DE 196 30 798 A1 are also disclosed and discussed on pages 1-3 of the specification are presented herewith.

A PTO-1449 form is presented to list all 4 references disclosed in the International Search Report and the specification.

Translations of the foreign language references are not available to the undersigned.

This submission meets the requirements of 37 CFR §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98(a) and MPEP 609.

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